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# Guard cleared of any criminal wrongdoing

## FATALITY

### Police policy to prevent jail death not followed



**Haley  
Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

The Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT) has cleared a Halifax guard of criminal wrongdoing in a jail death, but says policy that could have detected something was wrong wasn't followed.

In the case of a 52-year-old man who was found unresponsive in a Halifax Regional Police cell in September 2013 and died three days later of a brain bleed, SIRT said the guard shouldn't be charged.

"He was following a practice that many do (and) let

them 'sleep it off,'" SIRT director Ron MacDonald said Wednesday.

The man had a history of alcoholism and was known to police for public intoxication, SIRT said.

He was brought in Sept. 5 around noon after falling on a dirt path near Sylvia Avenue in Spryfield.

The report said a witness later told SIRT he may have

Although the guard looked in on the man every 15 minutes, it was only until another guard tried to wake him around 6 p.m. that they realized he was unresponsive and paramedics were called.

The report said the officer was also alone on duty at the time, and while he knew the man was intoxicated "he had frequently been in cells before while he slept and

had to obtain opinions from the medical examiner, two neurologists, and the Public Prosecution Service, MacDonald said.

The experts said while earlier detection might have allowed for treatment of the brain injury, when the man was put in the cell there was nothing clearly alerting police to a medical issue — and it's still "not certain" whether his death would have been prevented by an intervention.

Alcoholics can suffer a brain bleed with a low blow to the head, the report said.

Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Const. Dianne Woodworth said in an email Wednesday the force conducted a prisoner care audit in 2014 that led to an "enhanced model of care" for all prisoners, but especially those deemed at-risk.

Police could not provide any specific details on the changes.



**Not every mistake a person  
makes, makes criminal behaviour.**

SIRT director Ron MacDonald

hit his head on rocks, but police weren't aware of that at the time.

Police policy stated guards must check prisoners every 15 minutes with a "rousability" chart that requires waking them and asking simple questions, which the report said wasn't done.

became sober enough to be released."

"Was it perfect behavior? No, but was it the type of behaviour that rose to the level of him having committed a criminal act? No," MacDonald said.

The report took more than two years to complete as SIRT

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**MEDIA**

## Chronicle Herald union moves to strike

The union that represents editorial staff at the Chronicle Herald said it filed a 48-hour strike notice Wednesday after the failure of last-ditch contract talks with management at Canada's largest independent daily newspaper.

The Halifax Typographical Union said the newspaper's management rejected a series of concessions with only two days to go before management and the union are in a legal strike/lockout position.

Earlier this week, union members voted overwhelmingly in favour of striking.

Of the 300 people who work at the daily, 61 unionized workers in the newsroom could be off the job as early as Saturday morning at 12:01 a.m.

The concessions offered by the union included a five per cent wage cut and no raises for the next two years, a 25 per cent reduction in starting salaries for new reporters and photographers, a cap on severance, and reducing vacation allotments and mileage allowances.

Nancy Cook, the Herald's vice-president of administration, said the concessions were not "meaningful." However, Cook said the company would not lock out the workers and will continue negotiations if they agree not to strike

and certain conditions are met.

"We've said from Day 1 that we do not want to see our colleagues on the picket line," she said. "We haven't reached an agreement but we are willing to continue to try."

The company says it wants to reduce wages, lengthen working hours, alter future pension benefits and lay off up to 18 workers.

The union has said the company's proposal to cut wages and extend working hours from 35 to 40 hours a week will result in a 17 per cent reduction in newsroom pay.

Management has already filed a notice that gives the company the option to lock out newsroom staff with 48 hours' notice. The union said a work stoppage seems inevitable.

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**An edition of the Chronicle Herald.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

**TRANSPORTATION**

## Commuter finds bed bug on Halifax bus

A commuter has discovered a bed bug on a city transit bus, in what an expert says is a disturbing reminder of the potential range of the hardy, hitchhiking insects.

Jason Johnson took a photo of the bug Monday on a Halifax Transit bus — then bolted home, stripped down in the snow and put his clothes in bags, fearing they might be contaminated with the biting, blood-loving pests or their eggs.

"You feel them crawling on you when they're not there," Johnson, 37, said Wednesday.

One pest-control expert says he's surprised it doesn't happen more often. Despite their name, bed bugs aren't just found between the sheets.

John Zinck, a 20-year veteran in the extermination business, said the bugs can congregate anywhere people do: offices, movie theatres, doctor's offices

and public buses. They can hitch rides on clothing, bags and items like books.

"I'm surprised it doesn't happen more often in Halifax," said Zinck, branch manager for Orkin Canada in Nova Scotia and P.E.I.

"Halifax has a fair bed-bug issue and bed bugs are transferred by people carrying around things. So if you live in an apartment with bed bugs and you go on a bus ... it's very easy to transfer."

City spokeswoman Jennifer Stairs confirmed Halifax Transit was following up on a complaint of a bed bug on one of its buses.

"The health and safety of our passengers and employees is always our utmost concern and priority," she said.

Public transit in other cities have also dealt with the creepy crawlers, including Toronto.

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# Building community

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

## City planning upgrades to public transit, housing: Mayor



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

Canada's infrastructure minister was in Halifax on Wednesday to talk dollars and cents at city hall.

Amarjeet Sohi met with Mayor Mike Savage, regional councillors and Halifax Regional Municipality staff Wednesday afternoon to talk about the Liberal government's plan to increase infrastructure spending to \$6 billion annually over the next 10 years, bringing the federal investment up to \$125 billion.

"The federal government is here to support local communities, to build the kind of necessary infrastructure that is critical to grow the economy, to create jobs, and improve the productivity of our economy, as well as create communities that we all desire to live in," Sohi said after the meeting.

That money is split into three categories: public transit; social infrastructure, like affordable housing; and green infrastructure. Sohi has said that the money will be for projects that are ready to go, and will be doled



**Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, left, speaks to the media with Mayor Mike Savage and Halifax Liberal MP Andy Fillmore at City Hall on Wednesday.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

out after the federal budget.

"We're getting some sense of when money might flow, but we'll obviously wait for the federal budget and we'll be ready," Savage said after the meeting.

Savage said the money would help the municipality pay for Halifax Transit technology up-

grades, affordable housing initiatives, and updating aging waste water systems.

"The signs are all very encouraging, and I think infrastructure, we all know, pays off very quickly," Savage said.

Sohi said every billion dollars invested in infrastructure creates 18,000 direct jobs, but it's about more than the economy.

"This is not just about physical things we see; it is about the kind of community we want to

build," he said, suggesting that investments in transit help to make cities more inclusive for immigrants and the disabled.

Sohi, a former Edmonton city councillor, knows that first-hand.

After immigrating to Edmonton from India when he was 17, he used public transit to get to the library and English classes, and later worked for Edmonton's disabled transit system.

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**This is not just about physical things we see; it is about the kind of community we want.** Amarjeet Sohi

**CITY HALL**

## Committee to review development fees

Fees for building and development permits are up for review this year, and that could mean higher prices for developers and lower prices for homeowners.

Director of planning and development, Bob Bjerke, presented his department's proposed budget to regional council's committee of the whole on Wednesday.

Bjerke said the department will look at its fees and services in the next few months and present its findings to council. Bjerke said he hopes to cut down the time that it takes for developers and builders to get permits, which can take up to two years.

Mayor Mike Savage told the meeting he believes people are willing to pay higher fees for faster service.

"I think people are prepared to pay for service," he said after the meeting. "They're not willing to pay for things that take too long."

"Time is the most critical element for them, and the fees that we charge are a very small portion of their project costs," said Bjerke.

Bjerke highlighted the fact that Halifax has much lower fees than comparable cities across the country.

Coun. Russell Walker ex-

pressed concerns that raising fees for homeowners looking to build a deck or an addition might just make them not bother.

Bjerke said a review could actually lead to those fees dropping, creating an incentive for people to follow the rules to promote the building of safe structures.

"If you put up a fee that's a barrier, you don't get that," he said.

"The whole process is going to become a lot more straightforward for people, and we'll have the right level of fees identified for the different applications." ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

**+ FUNDING**

The municipality's planning and development department is asking for about \$350,000 more for next year's budget.

That money will go towards hiring new staff to finish up the centre plan for development.

The plan is expected to be completed by the end of 2016, though the hiring could take two years. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO



# Hurry hard: Curling club reopens

## RECREATION

### Members prepare new facility for celebrations



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

What a difference a year makes.

On Feb. 15, 2015, the roof of the ice shed at the Halifax Curling Club collapsed under the weight of heavy snow. No one was injured, but the ice shed was demolished.

The club's members have spent the last year playing on ice donated by other clubs throughout the region, while members of the rebuild committee have been working on completing a new ice shed.

"Our goal after that happened was to be up and running in a year, and we're going to be two weeks ahead of that schedule. We're just so excited," said Jane Everist of the Halifax Curling Club's rebuild committee.



Jane Everist of Halifax Curling Club gives Metro a tour of the new ice shed. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Work began on the new ice shed in the fall. The roofline has been altered to better accommodate snow loads, there's a new plant room, new LED lighting, new heating units and a cedar ceiling. One beam from

the original ice shed was kept as a nod to history.

"This ice shed will have four sheets like we used to have," Everist said. "We would have loved to expand and add more, but bylaws didn't enable us to



**Our new slogan is 'We're Rockin' Again.' We're excited to get back on our feet.**

Jane Everist

build anymore sheets than what was there already."

The kickoff weekend to show off the new ice shed is Jan. 29-Feb. 1, which is the first day of regular club play for 2016.

On Jan. 29, the new facil-

ity opens its doors to past and present members interested in touring the new facility and enjoying a get-together.

Then on Jan. 30, residents living around the club are invited for a 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. social.

## + OFFERINGS

### Learn to Curl program

Jane Everist of the rebuild committee says the club is offering a Learn to Curl program in February and a junior program in the fall. "Our new slogan is 'We're Rockin' Again,'" she says. "We're excited to get back on our feet."

"We want to thank the people in the community around us as this has been a long process with all the trucks around and the noise," Everist said. "They have been a big support."

On Feb. 1, the Halifax Curling Club hosts an open house for members of the area's other curling clubs. Everist said they made it possible for her and her fellow curlers to finish and start their 2015 season.

"When this all happened the other clubs were very good to us," she said. "We had calls from all of them offering us ice time and offering to help any way they could."

## EMPLOYMENT

# J.D. Irving plans mass hiring, including 150 jobs at shipyard



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

The Halifax Shipyard will welcome 150 new workers this year, J.D. Irving has announced.

The Atlantic Canadian company is forecasting 7,900 new hires from coast to coast, includ-

ing 1,393 in Nova Scotia, across all of its operations.

Upward of 90 per cent of those will be in the Atlantic provinces.

"There would be a number of them that would be here at the shipyard, and of course we have retail operations in Nova Scotia, as well as construction and equipment," Irving spokeswoman Mary Keith said Wed-

nesday.

The current workforce at the Halifax Shipyard is "roughly" 1,000, she said, which includes 250 new hires and 325 recalled employees last year. The new hires will happen as Irving ramps up building its first ship on site, "and moves into cutting steel for the second ship," Keith said.

Steel cutting for that second ship is expected to start around summer 2017, she said.

"At peak, we're forecasting 2,400 ... direct employees," Keith said.

Positions will open up for workers in skilled trades, as well as for professionals in areas ranging from accounting to information technology to engineer-

ing, Keith explained.

"The addition of good-paying jobs and meaningful careers is a good thing," she said. "We're certainly committed to growing opportunity in Nova Scotia."

Many workers are starting to move back from the West Coast to work in the Halifax Shipyard, she pointed out. "We're bringing them home."

**2,000**

Number of paid internships and co-op placements J.D. Irving plans over the next three years, including 650 students.

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# Plenty of excitement as Ikea set to make announcement

## RETAIL

## Rumour has it Swedish chain returning to the city soon



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

The news that Ikea is set to make an announcement in Halifax on Friday morning has social media abuzz with speculation.

But for now the details are being kept tightly under wraps. "Thanks for reaching out and I appreciate your patience. At this time you will have to stay tuned to Friday," Ikea spokesperson Stephanie Kerr wrote in an email to Metro.

On Wednesday morning, local media outlets received an invitation to attend "an important media announcement." Ikea Canada president Stefan Sjöstrand and Mayor Mike Savage will meet reporters on Friday morning at the St. Mary's Boat Club in Halifax to get the details.

It has been rumoured for the last several months that the popular Swedish furniture and accessories chain would be returning to the city sometime soon as part of a coast-to-coast expansion.

Sjöstrand announced in To-



Ikea Canada president Stefan Sjöstrand and Mayor Mike Savage will meet reporters on Friday at the St. Mary's Boat Club in Halifax for "an important media announcement." GETTY IMAGES

ronto last fall that Ikea planned to double its store count while expanding coast-to-coast over the next 10 years.

Ikea currently has 12 loca-

tions across Canada, but nothing east of Montreal.

When contacted by Metro last November about the possibility of an Ikea setting up

shop in Halifax, Kerr said excited shoppers would just have to wait and see.

Popular Halifax ReTales blogger Arthur Gaudreau follows

**“**I remember when Ikea was here before years ago, it was on the Dartmouth side, it wasn't a big one, but I can't confirm or deny. I don't work for Ikea, I work for HRM.  
**”**  
Mayor Mike Savage

all things retail in the Halifax area. He said the overwhelming majority of people on his Facebook and Twitter feeds were thrilled with the idea of an Ikea coming to town.

"The thing everyone is asking is will it be a shop-direct (smaller) size Ikea or will it be a full size. The president of Ikea last year said they wanted full-size stores coast to coast," Gaudreau said.

"Ikea is the brand that Halifax is looking for. We feel we are big enough to have one."

There was much speculation Wednesday about Bayers Lake or Dartmouth Crossing as possible sites for the big brand. Gaudreau said although his guess is as good as anyone's, he believes Bayers Lake is the more likely candidate.

"I've had people tell me land has already been secured in the

## + SOCIAL MEDIA

**Here's what people were saying on the Metro Halifax Facebook page:**

**Erica MacKinnon:**  
"They're coming! They're coming! #hoorayforcheap crapweputtogetherourselves"

**Sonya MacDonald:**  
"Have my dreams come true?"

**Jamie Garland:**  
"Some assembly will be required..."

**Rocky Rowcliffe:** "Start the car."

**Trudy Betts:** "Yes welcome back to Halifax. Cannot wait"

**Tyler Allan Babineau:**  
"life altering!"

**David Parks:** "The place where couples fight, now closer to home."

**Liam Scanlan:**  
"Hopefully they'll bring those 50 cent hot dogs with them!"

new part of Bayers Lake behind the Kent," he said. "I basically don't see where it would be put in Dartmouth Crossing."



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## ROAD SAFETY

## Driver ticketed for snow-covered car



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

A driver in Halifax is facing a \$180 fine for having their car — including a large part of the windshield — covered in the white stuff Wednesday.

Halifax Regional Police posted a photo of the driver and their snow-covered car, which appears to be a black four-door sedan, on their Facebook page shortly before 4 p.m.

"Hard to find words for this one," the HRP Facebook post says. "The driver was on the way to the car wash to melt the snow... Needless to say, they received (a) \$180 ticket."

Halifax Regional Police



**The car when it was stopped.**  
COURTESY HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE

spokeswoman Const. Dianne Woodworth said the ticket was handed to the driver under "Section 184 of the Motor Vehicle Act."

"It's for driving a motor vehicle with obstruction on window or windshield," she said.

## ACCIDENT

### LifeFlight helicopter called after Highway 311 crash

A LifeFlight helicopter was dispatched after a serious accident between a car and dump truck in Nova Scotia on Wednesday.

The RCMP say the accident happened around noon on Highway 311 in the community of Balfon, Colchester County.

Police say the driver of a Honda Civic suffered serious injuries and a LifeFlight helicopter was called to fly him to hospital.

There was no update on his condition.

Drivers were asked to avoid Highway 311 in Balfon for several hours as the investigation took place. METRO





**WEATHER THE HEAT IS ON ... ITS WAY** A pedestrian dressed for the cold walks past a sign on St. Margaret's Bay Road. Temperatures remained cold in the region Wednesday, but Environment Canada is calling for it to warm up gradually through the weekend. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

# Live music thrives in Dead of Winter

## FESTIVAL

### Acoustic musicians in town for shows and workshops



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

It's time to shake off the winter blues.

The In the Dead of Winter acoustic festival returns for its 12th year, running from Wednesday to Saturday with more than 20 artists and groups gathering to perform at shows, workshops and song-writer circles.

"It's going to be a really fun and intimate festival," said festival board member and Hali-

fax folk-pop musician Dana Beeler on Wednesday, who's also performing this weekend.

"You can still go outside in wintertime and still enjoy live music."

The festival centres around The Company House, The Bus Stop Theatre and AlterEgo's Café on Gottingen Street, which Beeler said is perfect for showcasing the north end's community and creativity.

"It's where music happens, it's where it's created, it's where it thrives the most in the city," Beeler said.

"It's a nice way to maybe get to a musician that maybe you didn't know before."

Artists and groups are mostly folk and pop singer-songwriters from across North America, Beeler said, with highlights including Donovan Woods playing an already sold-

## TICKETS

Full festival passes run \$75, while show tickets range from \$10 to \$22 and can be found online at [inthedeadofwinter.com](http://inthedeadofwinter.com).

out show Thursday, as well as The Burning Hell, Catherine MacLellan and Fortunate Ones.

Other visiting artists like Charlotte Cornfield, Steve Lambke and The Weather Station will join locals including Beeler, Dark for Dark, Gabrielle Papillon, Owen Meany's Batting Stance and Quiet Parade.

The Company House will likely run quieter shows while the Bus Stop will be a little bit louder while all being "very chill," Beeler said.

## CRIME BRIEFS

### Two men face child-porn charges in separate investigations

Two Nova Scotia men are facing child-porn charges after recent investigations by the RCMP's provincial Internet child-exploitation (ICE) unit.

On Jan. 12, Nova Scotia RCMP said the ICE unit searched a Port Hawkesbury residence with help from the technological crime unit and Port Hawkesbury RCMP.

Martin Ryan, 51, was arrested at his home and has been charged with possession of child

pornography.

On Monday, the ICE unit searched a residence in Amherst with help from the technological crime unit and the Amherst Police Department.

Roger Lirette, 64, was arrested there without incident and also charged with possession of child pornography. **METRO**

### Man facing drug, weapons charges after allegedly uttering threats

A Nova Scotia man is facing a slew of charges after allegedly making

threats involving a gun by cellphone early Tuesday morning.

Police officers responded to the complaint at about 3 a.m., and were able to find and arrest Calvin James Ringer, 28, at his residence "without incident" a short time later, according to a Shelburne RCMP news release issued Wednesday afternoon.

Investigators conducted a search at Ringer's home later Tuesday, finding "an unsafely stored" gun and some cocaine, the police news release said. **METRO**

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# We're No. 2!

## SURVEY

### Canada ranked world's second-best country

The annual schmooze-fest of the rich, powerful, famous and their courtiers in Davos, Switzerland, has already produced splendid news for Canada: We're No. 2 in a new ranking of the best countries in the world.

Released at the World Economic Forum, the survey rated 60 countries across 24 categories.

Germany was first, Canada second, the United Kingdom third, the United States fourth and Sweden fifth.

The survey was prepared by U.S. News and World Report, the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of business and global brand consultants BAV Consulting.

Canada, the survey said, welcomes immigrants and celebrates diversity, draws some of its national identity from

its expansive wilderness, has produced a long list of accomplished writers and artists, and is a high-tech industrial society with a high standard of living.

Former prime minister Brian Mulroney will be pleased to see a nod to the trade agreements of the '80s and '90s that the survey said dramatically bolstered trade with the United States.

"While the service sector is Canada's biggest economic driver, the country is a significant exporter of energy, food and minerals," it said. "Canada ranks third in the world in proven oil reserves and is the world's fifth largest oil producer."

Canadian challenges, it said, are "the concerns of indigenous people" and the perennial matter of relations between Quebec and the rest of the country.

"While constitutional guarantees allow the province wide-ranging cultural and linguistic autonomy, movements for complete independence come in waves."

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**SWITZERLAND TRUDEAU ADDRESSES RICH AND POWERFUL** Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, accompanied by staff members, walks through town as he heads to a bilateral meeting in Davos, Switzerland, on Wednesday. Trudeau is attending the World Economic Forum where political, business and social leaders gather to discuss world agendas. Trudeau's keynote address at the World Economic Forum framed Canada as a safe place to invest amid global economic uncertainty. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## MONTREAL

### Factory drawing refugees

When Syrian refugee Garouj Nazarian is asked how he likes working for his boss, the answer comes in choppy English — but the sentiment shines through.

"So much good," he says with a big smile, offering a thumbs-up to emphasize his joy.

Nazarian, who's been in Canada for about a year, has been working for six months at a Montreal plywood factory owned by Levon Afeyan, who fled Lebanon's civil war with his parents and two brothers in 1975.

Nazarian is one of 12 Syrian refugees among 80 employees and Afeyan intends to hire more as Canada opens its borders to thousands of people fleeing the Assad regime and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Essential to feeling Canadian, Afeyan adds, is to start speaking English and, particularly in Quebec, French.

Starting in March, a teacher subsidized by the Quebec government will offer French lessons twice a week for free — inside his factory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## WORK TRENDS

### Millennials like being their own boss

Priya Dhillon, a 33-year-old with a PhD in molecular biology, has her sights set on something a lot less scientific: to own an A&W franchise.

The concept is closer to becoming a reality for her now that the Canadian burger giant is recruiting and helping mil-

lennials scoop up new franchises planned for urban locations.

Dhillon represents a predominant entrepreneurial trend among Canadian millennials, many of whom say they would rather be self-employed than have a traditional workplace with a boss.

Based on a recent poll in 10 countries, media agency network ZenithOptimedia found global consumers aged 18 to 34 seek to gain much more control over their lives to obtain happiness.

"Most millennials told us they valued the freedom and

flexibility of new ways of working. Inspired by their peers, including tech entrepreneurs like (Facebook founder) Mark Zuckerberg, many see running a business they are passionate about as their ultimate goal," says the Pursuit of Happiness study. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Priya Dhillon. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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## QUEBEC

### Town to turn yogurt into natural gas

A town in southern Quebec is changing the way it looks at yogurt.

Saint-Hyacinthe signed an agreement with Yoplait Liberté last week to transform expired and unusable yogurt into natural gas that it says will be able to heat municipal buildings and power a fleet of city-owned vehicles.

Brigitte Massé, the city's communications director, said a total of 6,500 metric tonnes of yogurt will be transformed over the course of one year into 375,000 cubic metres of natural gas at a city-run biomethanation facility.

Biomethanation is a process through which organic matter and waste is converted into gas after being heated at high

temperatures.

"The production of that 6,500 cubic metres of yogurt will allow us to heat our two largest arenas and aquatics centre in Saint-Hyacinthe for a year with natural gas," Massé said Wednesday.

The material will come from a local Yoplait Liberté factory and can include expired yogurt or unsellable organic residue derived from the yogurt-making process, she said.

Residents of Saint-Hyacinthe and 22 other municipalities in the region have collected organic matter for composting since 2007 and Saint-Hyacinthe introduced biomethanation at a city-run factory in 2010, Massé said.

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## IN BRIEF

### BoC keeps rate at 0.5%

The Bank of Canada is holding its benchmark interest rate at 0.5 per cent even as it downgrades its growth outlook for an economy hit by falling commodity prices.

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## market minute

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# Militants' attack on university kills 20

## PAKISTAN

### Concerns rise over whether police can protect state

Once again, Islamic militants stormed a school in northeastern Pakistan in a deadly attack that lasted for hours. And once again, the blood of students and teachers stained classrooms and hallways, raising questions about whether security forces can protect the country's educational institutions.

At least 20 people were killed and 23 were wounded Wednesday in the assault at Bacha Khan University in Charsadda before the four gunmen were slain and the military declared an end to the siege. Two teachers were among the dead, including a chemistry professor who was praised as a hero for shooting back at the attackers

and allowing some students to escape.

The university attack was grimly reminiscent of the December 2014 massacre at an army public school in Peshawar that killed 150, mostly children.

The violence shows how vulnerable schools remain in Pakistan, where extremists have sought to prevent Western-style education, especially for girls. Teenager Malala Yousafzai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize after she was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012 because of her support for gender equality and education for girls.

Last weekend, several schools were closed after intelligence suggested militants were planning an attack, according to Mohammed Amir Rana, director of the private Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies. A spokesman for the provincial government said the schools were closed as part of a security drill.

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Relatives of victims pray during a candlelight ceremony for the dead and wounded in the Bacha Khan University attack in Peshawar Wednesday. **It's estimated that 23 people were wounded, in addition to the 20 killed.** AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## SCIENCE

### New evidence points to giant 9th planet

The solar system may have a ninth planet after all.

This one is 5,000 times bigger than outcast Pluto and billions of miles farther away, say scientists who presented "good evidence" for a long-hypothesized Planet X on Wednesday.

The gas giant is thought to be almost as big as its nearest planetary neighbour Neptune, quite possibly with rings and moons. It's so distant that it would take a mind-blowing 10,000 to 20,000 years to circle the sun.

Planet 9, as the pair of California Institute of Technology researchers calls it, hasn't been spotted yet. They base their prediction on mathematical and computer modelling, and anticipate its discovery via telescope within five years or less.

The two reported their research Wednesday in the *Astronomical Journal* because they want people to help them look for it.

"We could have stayed quiet and quietly spent the next five years searching the skies ourselves and hoping to find it. But I would rather somebody find it sooner, than me find it later," said astronomer Mike Brown, the



This rendering shows the distant view from Planet Nine back towards the sun.

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so-called Pluto killer who helped lead the charge against Pluto's planetary status in 2006. Once Planet 9, Pluto is now officially considered a dwarf planet.

Brown and planetary scientist Konstantin Batygin feel certain about their prediction, which at first seemed unbelievable to even them.

"For the first time in more than 150 years, there's good evidence that the planetary census of the solar system is incomplete," Batygin said.

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## THOMAS WALKOM: ON THE WAR AGAINST ISIL

### The Americans are said to be miffed at Trudeau's promise to end Canada's combat mission in Iraq and Syria. Does that much matter? Probably not.



Canada, we are told, is being snubbed. The fact that Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan was not invited to a meeting of seven nations at war with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) shows, the critics say, that we are no longer one of the gang.

Conservative critic James Bezan says the decision to exclude Canada from Wednesday's Paris meeting, co-hosted by the French and American defence ministers, indicates that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's new Liberal government is not fully trusted by its allies.

In particular, the Americans are said to be miffed at Trudeau's promise to end Canada's combat mission in Iraq and Syria and bring home the six RCAF fighter planes operating there.

Are the Americans miffed? Probably. Washington wants other nations to shoulder more of the military burden of this war.

Does that much matter? Probably not.

First, let us put things in perspective. In announcing the meeting earlier this month, U.S. Secretary of Defence Ashton Carter said he wanted to talk to his counterparts from nations "that are playing a significant role" in the war against ISIL.

Who knows what Carter meant by "significant role"? But the nations he cited

— France, Britain, Italy, Australia, Germany and the Netherlands — are certainly not all involved in the bombing war.

Italy and Germany have no fighter planes operating in Iraq or Syria. The Netherlands has four.

Italy has promised 500 soldiers to provide security for an Italian firm rebuilding a dam in northern Iraq. That may explain its attendance.

Presumably, Germany was invited because it is an important European country, regardless of what it does militarily.

So perhaps Canada was snubbed. Yet if it was, so were others. Denmark, which has sent seven fighter jets to the war and which this week announced it has undertaken military actions in both Iraq and Syria, was not invited.

Neither was Belgium,

which has committed six combat jets to the Iraq portion of the war.

I'm not sure whether the great snub is big news in Denmark or Belgium. Danes and Belgians may not be prickly about how they are perceived by the rest of the world.

Canadians, however, are. We routinely criticize the Americans. But we hate to be ignored by them.

If the election campaign is any indication, a good many Canadians don't want their armed forces to be involved in combat against ISIL. But we find it insulting to be excluded from a meeting of combatants.

We want to be at the table — even if we are not sure what that means.

Over our history, various Canadian governments have spent much energy trying to persuade other nations we are serious players.

#### THE MICROTREND: Printing your pregnancy



Can't wait to meet your bundle of joy? Well then — don't. Some companies have taken 3D ultrasound imaging to the logical next level: they've started offering 3D-printed fetus replicas to expectant families. And although the idea is off-putting to some (nine weeks into pregnancy, the printout looks somewhat ... reptilian), it's proving popular with U.K. parents. The technology had already been used to help blind mums-to-be who can't view an ultrasound image to "see" their child. But now it's gaining broad appeal, despite the price tag of around \$800 Canadian. A tasteful figurine of just your baby's face and hands, however, is a mere \$360 — and the once-before-a-lifetime moment will never come around again. SOURCE: THE GUARDIAN, PHOTO: WOLFPRIINT

**We routinely criticize the Americans. But we hate to be ignored by them.**

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### Finding the line between feminist and sensitive snowflake

John Mellish, a 55-year-old P.E.I. man, knows his media ropes.

"You're not live, are you?" he asked when I called. A few radio shock jocks in the central U.S. had gotten to him first. So had about 25 reporters. He hasn't turned down an interview, because talking to media fits with his plan.

"I guess it's obvious," I said. "I'm calling about the sign."

John and his wife Ursula run a used-car business, Mellish Motors, and the dealership's roadside sign has a local reputation for witticisms.

Last Christmas, it was a line about not complaining about the holidays, since "We were already fat in August." "Not everyone shares my sense of humour," John acknowledged.

Then last week, it held this: "Women are like snowflakes. They can't drive."

"It's stupid but it's cute" was John's assessment. (His wife and daughter, he noted, have perfect driving records.)

But Chelsea Ling didn't laugh. She snapped a photo of the sign and posted it to Facebook with the tag: "Well PEI friends..."

It spread quickly, garnering comments, shares and media coverage that snowballed after the Mellishes posted two more signs: "Sensitive women don't read this sign" and "Attention drama queens, auditions for today have been cancelled."

There was also backlash. Someone called John to threaten his life, he told the Toronto Star. On Facebook, Ling said she's received death and rape threats.

All this controversy is not accidental. The Mellishes and Ling both actively stoked debate — if to different ends. John doesn't use social media, but he understood as well as Ling its potential power to make private passions public. As a tool, it's almost a given.

Ling wrote that her goal was to spark discussion about what she saw as unacceptable comments about women.

When Ursula and John followed up about the snowflakes sign, they were expecting personal attacks in order to highlight online negativity. If people were more aware of the consequences, "They might think twice before posting something about a friend or a business owner or a contractor," John said.

Both sides have been using the media to spread their message — about sexism and what's funny, and hate and filth on social media. Now, Ling wants to talk with John, "about all of this crazy," she wrote. Meanwhile, the Mellishes are winding up for more backlash. Yesterday, the sign read: "Sensitive men don't look at tomorrow's sign!"

"You can phone back tomorrow," John offered, "and update on that."

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GRACE CODDINGTON ON RESIGNING FROM HER NEARLY 30-YEAR TENURE AS CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF VOGUE



## Fairey art

Famed street artist Shepard Fairey has left his mark around the world. The book, *Covert to Overt*, compiles all the Obey founder's work since 2010 — two years after his HOPE piece played a role in Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

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### Our Fairey City

Toronto was the last stop on Fairey's seven-city mural tour in 2014, with the above mounted at the intersection of Queen Street and Denison Avenue. At the time, Fairey wrote about how much he loved touring the neighbourhood — and the "euphoria" he felt buying a box set of Dead Kennedys singles.



### Power and Imperial Glory

In collaboration with printer Jo Watanabe, Fairey drew inspiration from American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein for this pair of large-format prints. The artist has said the latter creation was a comment on the U.S. military industrial complex.



### Peace Elephant Mural

This sprawling display decorating the West Hollywood Library was more than 10 times the size of any wall Fairey had painted to that point. Given less than a week to execute the design, Fairey's crew worked 12 to 16 hours per day to complete the work.



### Centrefold

Fairey initially blasted his portraits of Fugazi frontman Ian MacKaye and former Black Flag howler Henry Rollins as a massive mural of punk icons in Asbury Park, N.J. The other image, of course, memorializes late Run-D.M.C. DJ Jam Master Jay.

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## RESEARCH

## Fairy tales are as old as time — well nearly

Fairy tales such as Beauty and the Beast are much older than previously thought and are actually thousands of years old, academics found in research published Wednesday.

Their analysis indicates that Beauty and the Beast and Rumpelstiltskin are around 4,000 years old while Jack And The Beanstalk can be traced back more than 5,000 years.

Anthropologist Jamie Tehrani from Britain's Durham University and folklorist Sara Graca da Silva of New University Lisbon used techniques initially used in biology to study 275 Indo-European stories.

Their findings suggest folk tales existed in oral tradition long before they were put down in writing. This backs up a theory put forward by one of the most famous fairy tale tellers in history, Wilhelm Grimm of the 19th century Brothers Grimm.

"Our results support Grimm's view and suggest that a substantial number of tales have existed in Indo-European oral traditions long before they were first written down" Da Silva said.

The research appeared in the journal Royal Society Open Science. AFP



**The Brothers Grimm have said that their fairy tales existed long before they were put in writing.** AFP



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**Chris Bailey, pictured here, author of The Productivity Project, writes you may want to cut back on checking email and reaching for that third cup of coffee if you want to be more productive.** THE CANADIAN PRESS/CHRIS YOUNG

## NEW BOOK

## A tale of one man's quest to accomplish more in the day

Is there one sure-fire strategy to maximize your time and energy in a given day?

Chris Bailey was so determined to find out that he turned down two lucrative job offers and devoted a year of his life to a quest for the holy grail of productivity.

In addition to his research and interviews with leading experts, the business school graduate used himself as the test subject in a series of experiments.

Bailey lived in isolation for 10 days, worked 90-hour weeks

and gained 10 pounds of muscle mass.

He documented the experiments on his blog and then compiled the upsides and pitfalls of his pursuits in the book The Productivity Project (Random House Canada).

Bailey said there is no one-size-fits-all strategy for increased productivity. He learned that firsthand when the habitually late riser forced himself to wake up at 5:30 a.m. for three months.

"It didn't work for me, and I accomplished less in that experiment than I would have otherwise," Bailey said during a recent interview in Toronto.

"I had to go to bed when I had the most energy, when I was the most productive — because I don't view productivity as how much we produce, I view productivity as how much we ac-

complish. The best way I found to do that while doing my project was by managing our time, our attention and our energy."

Bailey also tried drinking only water for an entire month and found he had more energy than he had in years.

While he still drinks caffeine and said it can offer productivity benefits, he added that people should be smarter about their consumption habits and not continuously rely on the stimulant.

"Being able to find that energy boost whenever you need it, when you have something important you're working on ... is something huge that you can do."

Bailey writes in his book about the benefits of assessing your Biological Prime Time (BPT) for performing one's highest-impact tasks.

"It's during your peak energy hours that you're able to bring more to whatever it is that you're doing, so that you can spend your energy wisely, in addition to spending your time wisely if you have the flexibility to do so."

A strategy Bailey has maintained is to unplug from digital devices from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. He also suggested shrinking "support tasks" that can consume considerable time, like answering emails.

"If you check them every hour — even for 12 hours — over the course of the day, that's still 12 times a day and more than enough time to keep on top of everything that you have to do."

Bailey said among the best tactics for him were those that allowed him to work "more deliberately and with intention."

"When we have more work to do than the time to do it in, it becomes crucial that we take that step back to figure out what's important," he said.

"When you only work on auto-pilot in response to whatever tasks get sent your way ... other people have control over your work."

Another of his favoured approaches is "the rule of three" — looking ahead to the end of the day to determine which three things you'd like to accomplish.

"On days where you have a ton of meetings, maybe those meetings are what you intend to accomplish — or maybe they limit what you intend to accomplish."

"Just taking that step back is something huge someone can do for their productivity."

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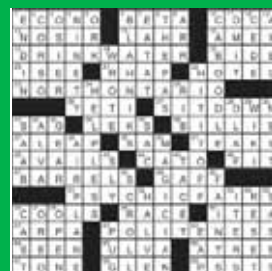
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# Author Khan draws on her Muslim roots



Khan brings history, poetry, politics to her mystery novel.

## MYSTERY

**Fully-formed characters offer complex look at culture**

**Sue Carter**  
For Metro Canada



Every time mystery writer Ausma Zehanat Khan crosses the border, leaving her adopted home of Denver for Canada, she is aware of her status as a Muslim woman. And whenever she turns on the news, she is reminded how vitriolic public discussion around the Muslim community can be.

"So much of that discourse is very ill-informed and uneducated. ... It's important for me to speak back to that a little bit with my characters and the stories that I'm telling," Khan says. "I don't really consider it an agenda, but it's my experience that I'm writing about."

Khan, who has her Ph.D. in international human-rights law, drew on her expertise and background for her first novel, *The Unquiet Dead* (Minotaur Books), a mystery-thriller connected to the 1995 Srebrenica genocide. It was here she introduced her protagonist, the Toronto-based Muslim detective Esa Khattak and his partner, Rachel Getty, a no-nonsense hockey-playing cop who plays the perfect foil to elegantly handsome Khattak.

The detectives return for Khan's new murder-mystery, *The Language of Secrets*, which was

inspired by another true crime: the arrest of the Toronto 18, an ill-prepared group of terrorists whose plans to bomb Parliament Hill was thwarted by the RCMP and CSIS in 2006.

To prepare for the book, Khan researched Islamic history and politics, jihadist websites and stacks of police materials. She also had in-house help: her husband is an expert on Islam and politics.

Khan believes her books stand out because there are still few fully formed Muslim characters like Khattak to be found. *The Language of Secrets*, is also rare in the genre because of the poetry that flows through it. From recitals of classical works to slam poetry nights, it is present throughout her story, which Khan says comes from her upbringing as the daughter of two Pakistani-Canadians who hosted recitals at their house.

Beyond wanting to celebrate and share Eastern art, Khan had another personal reason for incorporating poetry into a whodunit murder. She says, "If you look at Arab or Persian traditions, you'll see poetry is very much at their heart. I thought a very beautiful way to temper the ugliness of the jihadist ideology is also to express the beauty of those traditions."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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The Lure, a movie about flesh-eating mermaids working as nightclub singers, is competing in the World Cinema Dramatic Competition at the Park City, Utah film fest. CONTRIBUTED

# Sundance features fearless directors

## FILM FESTIVAL

### Audiences may be shocked by programming lineup

Shock and awe is coming to the Sundance Film Festival, Robert Redford's annual celebration of indie cinema, which begins Thursday in Park City, Utah.

Movies seeking audience gasps as well as applause include Swiss Army Man, a bromance between a man and a corpse starring Paul Dano and Daniel Radcliffe. There's also The Lure, a musical about a pair of pop-star mermaids who are hungry for love and human flesh. Speaking

of unusual pairs, there are two films, Christine and Kate Does Christine, one a drama and the other a doc, that investigate the mysterious 1974 on-air suicide of a Florida TV newscaster.

Then there's Operation Avalanche, by Toronto's Matt Johnson (The Dirties), a conspiracy movie about the Apollo 11 moon landing that threatens to rewrite history and possibly enrage scientists, space freaks and American patriots. These are amongst the 123 features and 72 shorts Sundance will screen from Jan. 21 to 31, many of them world premieres.

Scary movies have long been associated with the Sundance: The Blair Witch Project, Saw, The Babadook and The Witch all earned their first shrieks in

Park City. For the most part, such films have been safely confined to Sundance's Midnight program, which is similar to TIFF's popular Midnight Madness slate. This year it seems they're populating the more mainstream sections, including the dramatic and documentary competitions.

"It's true!" says Sundance festival director John Cooper, in an interview from his L.A. office before leaving for Park City. "I think this fearlessness is coming from the filmmakers themselves. They're not worrying so much about the end success of their films, because so many of them get picked up to go on a platform that's not even theatrical, more and more. They know that audiences are just going to find them." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

# Maybe change this show's name to Crybaby Cop

**THE SHOW:** Shades of Blue, Season 1, Episode 2 (Global/NBC)  
**THE MOMENT:** The Crying

In her boss's bathroom, New York City policewoman Harlee Santos (Jennifer Lopez) talks by phone to her 16-year-old, Christina. Harlee just learned that Christina has snuck off to a nightclub.

"Don't drive with someone who's been drinking," Harlee says. Her eyes fill with tears. Christina can't hear her, but Harlee keeps talking anyway. "Be true to yourself," she says, crying openly now. "Someday you'll have a daughter, and she'll be the best part of your life." She slumps against the sink, overcome.

Okay, Harlee is under pressure. She, her boss Matt (Ray Liotta, scary), and their crew take bribes. The FBI caught her and



Weeping on demand in Shades of Blue. CONTRIBUTED

made her turn rat. Matt is about to give her a polygraph. If this were the first time Harlee wept, we'd understand.

But this is episode two, and already Harlee has wept — copiously — many times. She wept in the opening scene of episode one.

She wept at her daughter's school concert. She wept when the FBI caught her. So free and frequent is her weeping, this show should be called Crybaby Cop. Or maybe Shades of Boo-Hoo.

Eyes-filling-with-tears is a handy acting skill, and Lopez is clearly eager to show hers off. She also looks pretty when she cries, unlike, say, me. But given that Harlee is supposed to be a hardened, hard-ass cop, I find her crying off-putting. Did she weep during drills at the academy?

Not since Claire Danes in Homeland has an allegedly professional woman been so easily overcome on the job. Nut up, Harlee.

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"I think it poses an existential threat to the very fabric of what sports is about": Andre Agassi on the alleged match-fixing scandal in tennis

## Mixed emotions for Meier

QMJHL

### Former Herd captain set for first clash with ex-teammates



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

Timo Meier may still be friends with his former Halifax Mooseheads teammates off the ice, but on the ice, it's a completely different story.

The former Herd captain, who was dealt to the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies during mid-season trading, faces off against his old squad Thursday night. The puck drops at 8 p.m. inside the Huskies rink Aréna Iamgold.

"Once we step on the ice, we're probably not friends any more," Meier said with a chuckle Wednesday, adding they might become buddies again after the final buzzer.

Meier, from Herisau, Switzerland, spent 2-1/2 seasons in Halifax after being selected 12th overall by the Mooseheads in the 2013 CHL Import Draft. The 19-year-old forward scored 72 goals and added 88 assists

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**For sure, it's going to be a special game for me.**

Timo Meier



Former Halifax Mooseheads captain Timo Meier (96) of Herisau, Switzerland. JEFF HARPER/METRO

for 160 points in 150 games wearing the green and red.

"It's definitely going to be really weird playing against Halifax," Meier said. "But it's going to be fun seeing the guys."

Meier was given the "C" to start this season, taking on a leadership role in what has been a difficult year for the Herd. They sit second last at 17th in the QMJHL standings.

The Huskies, on the other hand, are fourth overall.

### + ON THE ROAD

The Halifax Mooseheads travel to play the Val-d'Or Foreurs at 8:30 p.m. on Friday and remain on the road until Jan. 31.

"Halifax has a really young team, so obviously ... it's rebuilding," Meier said by phone. "I'm definitely going to miss Halifax, but it's fun here, too,

and they (the Huskies) have a great team," he added. "So I'm really looking forward to getting a chance to, hopefully, get far in playoffs."

Meier opted to move his no-trade clause in order to help make the trade happen, as this is likely his last season playing major junior, and final chance to make a run for QMJHL and CHL bragging rights.

"It's part of ... the hockey business," Meier said of the mid-season manoeuvre in

which he was swapped for first- and second-round picks in 2017 and a fourth-round selection in 2018.

Meier was picked ninth overall by the San Jose Sharks in the 2015 NHL draft.

Before following his big-league dreams though, he's focused on his new team.

"It's a little bit of an adjustment," Meier admitted.

"I'm trying to improve on my French," he added with a laugh. "Always a new challenge."

### IN BRIEF

#### More heat for Drouin

Tampa Bay forward Jonathan Drouin was suspended indefinitely without pay by the Lightning after his failure to report for Wednesday night's game between the Syracuse Crunch and the Toronto Marlies.

Drouin was assigned to Tampa's minor-league affiliate in Syracuse, N.Y., on Jan. 2.

Vice-president and general manager Steve Yzerman announced the suspension Wednesday evening.

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**Jonathan Drouin**  
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#### Dixon delivers for Canada

When Adam Dixon was given a second chance, he knew it had to count.

Dixon was already stopped once in the shootout by American goaltender Steve Cash, but his coach Ken Babey went back to him in the fifth round and he made no mistake, scoring the winner to lift Canada over the United States 3-2 on Wednesday in preliminary-round play at the world sledge hockey challenge in Bridgewater.

"I was a little bit surprised, I didn't think he was going to go back to me," said Dixon. "It was great to know he trusts me and thought I had an opportunity to help us win the game, I was glad I was able to put it in." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### CANADIAN FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Nguyen learned resilience from father's example

It hasn't been an easy season for Nam Nguyen.

He's going through a growth spurt that has thrown his skating slightly off-kilter. He's feeling the pressure of defending his Canadian title against a field in Halifax that once again includes Patrick Chan. There have been days, the 17-year-old says, where he's wanted to quit.

But Nguyen draws on resilience learned from his father Sony, who was among the hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese refugees who fled by boat to escape the country's Communist

tyranny in the 1970s and '80s.

"He's so brave," Nguyen said of his dad. "I'm very happy that he's my father, he's taught me to become very strong."

"Sometimes he'll compare my problems to his problems and that will make my problems look like nothing," he added, laughing.

Sony Nguyen made the harrowing 500-kilometre trek to Malaysia in 1987, one of 149 people stuffed into a boat just 10 metres long. There was no room to walk. They sat, legs stacked upon one another like kindling, holding on

### + DRAWN TO ICE

Sony enrolled Nam in hockey at the age of 4. He started figure skating at 5, and quit hockey at 8 after winning the Canadian juvenile skating title.

while the rough South China Sea knocked them about.

They were attacked by pirates who took their food, water and belongings and what little money they had. The pirates raped sev-

eral of the female passengers before leaving them adrift. They were eventually rescued by a passing freighter, and taken to the Pulau Bidong refugee camp.

Sony lived there for nearly a year before a Canadian sponsored him to move to Ottawa. Nguyen sent for Nam's mom Thu, a doctor in Vietnam, a year later.

"It was very difficult," said Nguyen, a computer scientist in Toronto. "Life, it's not easy, but we have to stand up and move on and fight for it. And that's what Nam has been trained for."

Nam and his dad were gripped

by recent images of Syrian refugees. Because Toronto's Jewish community came to the aid of the Vietnamese years ago, Nam recently spoke at the Holy Blossom Temple to ask the two communities to work together to support Syrian refugees.

"I feel really, really sorry for those people," Sony said. "They have been through what I went through, they sacrificed their families and their lives to come to Canada ... I told Nam, 'That's what dad has been through.' Nam is very proud of the family."

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**Nam Nguyen** GETTY IMAGES



# RECIPE Roasted Chicken and Chickpea Tray Bake



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

The cool yogurt topping is the perfect complement to this Moroccan-spiced chicken tray bake.

**Ready in**  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Total time: 35 minutes  
**Serves 4**

- Ingredients**
- 5 Tbsp olive oil
  - 4 cloves garlic, minced finely
  - 1 tsp paprika
  - 1 tsp cumin
  - 2 tsp salt
  - Pinch pepper
  - Pinch of red pepper flakes

- 1 cup Greek yogurt
- 6 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes
- 15 ounce can chickpeas, rinsed
- 1 cup cilantro

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450 F.
2. Whisk oil, garlic and spices together. Take 1 Tbsp of the mixture, stir it into the yogurt.
3. In a large bowl, toss the chicken, tomatoes, chickpeas and cilantro with the rest of the oil and spice mixture. Arrange in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet.
4. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes.
5. Serve with a dollop of the spiced yogurt.

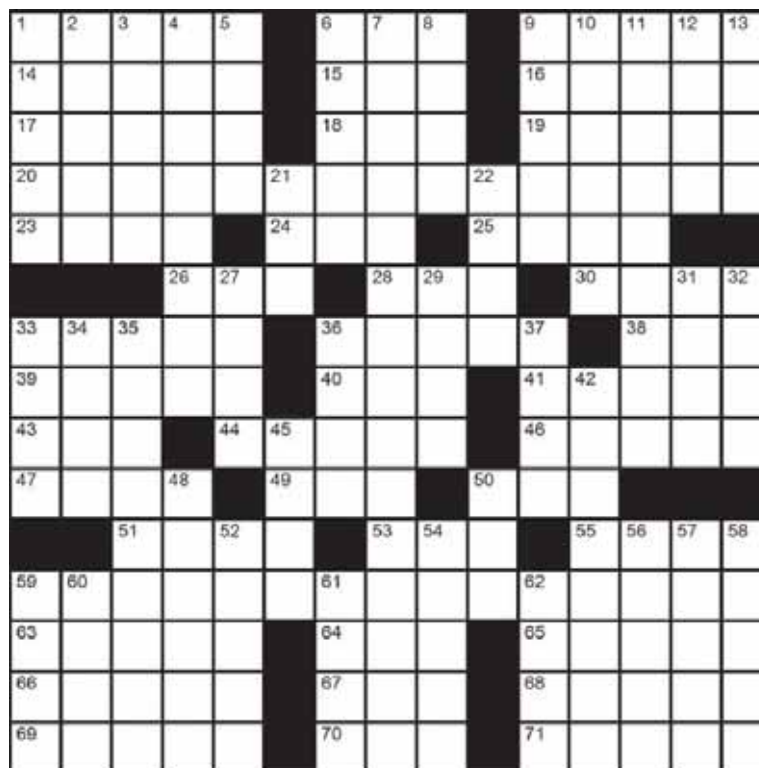
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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## ACROSS

1. "Just Between You \_\_\_" by April Wine
6. PIN-inputting spot
9. Sounded satisfied
14. "Rio" band, when doubled
15. Alphabetic trio
16. Stock
17. "Give \_\_\_" (Try)
18. Marci of "Canada AM" on CTV
19. Hagar the Horrible's wife
20. 1885 + Louis Riel + North-West Rebellion + Regina Courthouse = What?: 3 wds.
23. "Saturday Night Live" alum Horatio
24. 'Legal' suffix
25. Poet's 'previously'
26. "Am \_\_\_ brother's keeper?"
28. Female pronoun
30. Snake-looking fishies
33. "Dave" (1993) star Kevin
36. In the least: 2 wds.
38. Theatre seating area
39. More pleasant
40. Li'l loudness
41. Classy theatrical show
43. White House nickname
44. Small boat
46. Elated
47. Dick Tracy's beloved
49. School of



- thought
50. Fail to keep
51. Leafy veggie
53. Positive vote
55. Faucets
59. Montreal's cruciform office/shopping complex since 1962: 3 mots
63. Outlandish

64. Gladiator's lucky number
65. "Don't Look Back in \_\_\_": 1996 Oasis hit
66. War horse
67. Morn's follower
68. Keen
69. Cattle groups
70. Born, in so-

- ciety bios
71. Geological flattops

## DOWN

1. Mine entrances
2. \_\_\_ Sweet (Sugar substitute)
3. Run out
4. Chatelaine or

- Maclean's
5. Organic compound
6. Currency exchange fees
7. Sloan song that goes "I know that I'll be living it in Canada": 5 wds.
8. Royal Can-

- adian \_\_\_
9. Biblical son of Jacob and Zilpah
10. Relaxed: 2 wds.
11. Like the cowboy's gun before the draw at sundown
12. Consequently
13. Jan & \_\_\_
21. Tina of "30 Rock"
22. Careen
27. French 'seas'
29. Fifty percent
31. God
32. Go to and fro
33. Do needlework
34. Similar
35. Canadian athlete Patrick Chan's profession: 2 wds.
36. Hertz rival
37. "Hard Core \_\_\_" (1996)
42. Next to nothing payment
45. Capital of the Ukraine
48. Hallowed
50. Ms. Dawn Chong
52. The Who album: 'Live at \_\_\_'
54. Aristocracy
56. 100-eyed giant of ancient Greek mythology
57. Michelangelo masterpiece
58. Ecological stages
59. Upscale
60. Minstrel's pear-shaped instrument
61. Men Without Hats lead singer
- Mr. Doroschuk
62. Lady's address

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Even if you find it hard to connect emotionally you will do so with ease over the next few days. The planets will help you empathize with those who you might otherwise find it hard to feel sorry for.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Taking a light-hearted approach will make it easier to deal with the huge responsibilities coming your way. Don't take what you have to do too seriously — just get on with it.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You can feel that something special is going to happen. The Sun in Aquarius will bring new opportunities your way, and give you the confidence to make something of them.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
How can you make your home life more enjoyable? Put work matters to the back of your mind and focus on family to the exclusion of everything else. Making a profit is okay but making loved ones happy is priceless.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
No matter how busy the past few weeks have been and no matter how desperately you need time to recover this is going to be an active day. Keep the momentum going.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Do not to make any sudden changes. If you do you will only have to change them back again later on. Things may look bad but they are not nearly as bad as they seem.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
You will be rather excitable today and the smallest thing will set you off. Don't be surprised if others, even those you are closest to emotionally, stay out of your way.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Don't panic. Your life is NOT falling apart — you are just looking at things from too negative an angle. You may be down but later on your mood and your viewpoint will be more positive.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Friends will surprise and delight you with sudden invitations and suggestions for having a good time, so don't plan your schedule in too much detail. You must be ready to drop whatever you are doing and party.

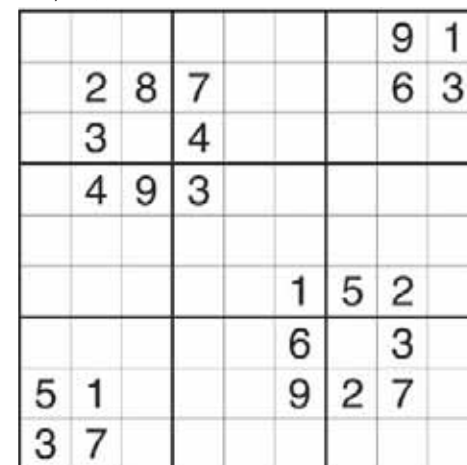
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Impress employers and important people today. You have the knack of knowing the right thing to say, in the right way at the right time, and it won't be long before others are trying to impress you.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You must keep dreaming, even if so many of your dreams have failed to come true. There is every chance that what earlier seemed like a fantasy will quickly become a reality.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You could be too emotional today. Resist the urge to reply in kind to any adverse comments you receive. Count to ten before putting your feelings into words.

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